

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 093207

62

ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DHA-02 ORM-02 SSO-00 SS-15 L-03 PRS-01

VO-03 SCA-01 NSCE-00 NSC-05 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00

DODE-00 SY-05 FBIE-00 INRE-00 INSE-00 /057 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/EE-TEDEAL:DPB

APPROVED BY EUR/EE:CBROWN

D/HA:HHELSNIS

----- 115551

O 162301Z APR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 093207

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SREF, PL, US

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM: JAN RAZNIEWSKI

REF WARSAW 2431

1. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM WARSAW, POLISH FIRST SECRETARY DUCHOWSKI CALLED ON POLISH DESK OFFICER ON APRIL 16 TO DISCUSS ASYLUM REQUEST BY DR. JAN RAZNIEWSKI. DUCHOWSKI MADE PRESENTATION SIMILAR TO THAT OUTLINED IN REFTEL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT GOP DISPUTED RAZNIEWSKI'S CLAIM TO REFUGEE STATUS. HE ALSO PROTESTED IN LOW-KEY MANNER THE BEHAVIOR OF INS OFFICIALS IN THIS CASE AND COMPLAINED THAT POLISH OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM. DUCHOWSKI ALSO REFERRED TO "POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES" IN PROCESSING ANY FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT DOCUMENTATION BY THE WIFE AND CHILD.

2. WE ASKED DUCHOWSKI TO ELABORATE ON COMPLAINT ABOUT INS HANDLING OF CASE. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE DETAILS BUT WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT INS OFFICERS MAY HAVE HELPED RAZNIEWSKI LEAVE THE HOTEL. WE POINTED OUT THAT THIS DID NOT SEEM ADEQUATE GROUNDS FOR PROTEST. DUCHOWSKI HAD NO COMMENT.

3. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD PASS ON ABOVE INFORMATION
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 093207

TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT UNDER

U.S. LAW INS WOULD HAVE FINAL SAY ON RAZNIEWSKI'S APPLICATION FOR REFUGEE STATUS. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE PROPER TIME. WE ALSO SAID THAT WE WOULD INFORM RAZNIEWSKI OF POLISH EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH HIM BUT STRESSED THAT HIS PARTICIPATION WOULD HAVE TO BE VOLUNTARY. DUCHOWSKI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION BUT HOPED, NONETHELESS, THAT WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING.

4. AT PRESENT TIME, TOLSTOY FOUNDATION HAS TAKEN ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAZNIEWSKI'S WELFARE WHILE ASYLUM PROCEEDINGS ARE IN PROGRESS. AT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TOLSTOY OFFICIALS ASKED RAZNIEWSKI WHETHER HE WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH POLISH OFFICIALS. RAZNIEWSKI DECLINED.

5. WE SHARE EMBASSY'S CONCERN ABOUT CONSIDERATIONS MENTIONED IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO ARRANGE A MEETING. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT RAZNIEWSKI WILL DEFER A FACE-TO-FACE CONFRONTATION UNTIL HE HAS A BETTER IDEA WHETHER HE WILL BE GRANTED ASYLUM HERE.

ROBINSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL ASYLUM, FOREIGN RELATIONS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE093207
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: TEDEAL:DPB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760145-0956
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760451/aaaabrox.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 WARSAW 2431
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 MAY 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <26 AUG 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM: JAN RAZNIEWSKI
TAGS: PFOR, SREF, PL, US, (RAZNIEWSKI, JAN)
To: WARSAW
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006